als or other disposal letters to the applicants.

The Reserve Bank of India started receiving applications for technical foreign collaboration only after 16th September, 1991. The total number of applications for technology transfer arrangements received is 428 (including 93 applications envisaging both financial and technical collaboration) and out of which 342 proposals have been approved till 21st March, 1992. 51 proposals were returned to the respective applicants as these were not within the powers delegated to the Reserve Bank of India. As on 21st March, 1992, only 35 such applications were under processing by the Bank.

The number of application for foreign technical collaboration alone, approved by the Secretariat for Industrial Approvals in the Ministry of Industry, during the last three years is as under:-

| *Year* | *No .of applications for technical collaboration alone approved* |
|---|---|
| 1989 | 411 |
| 1990 | 472 |
| 1991 | 514 |

[*Translation*]

**Finds for Development of Bombay**

5523. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL:
SHRI GOVIDNRAO NIKAM:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to satate:

(a) Whether the Government of Maharashtra have demanded Funds for the development of Bombay; and

(b) if so, the decision taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The allocation of funds for the Urban Development Schemes of the State Govts. and U.Ts is made by the Union Planning Commission on the basis of Plan proposals submitted by State/Union Territories concerned. Except for certain specific Centrally sponsored schemes such as IDSMT, NRY & UBSP for which provision is madse in the budget by the Ministry of Urban Development the overall allotments Urban Development are made in the State Sector. It is therefore for the State Govt. to formulate suitable schemes/proposals for development of Bombay while forwarding the State Plan proposals.

2. However, an amount of Rs. 100 crores was sanctioned to Govt. of Maharashtra to meet the aeute problems of Housing and slums in Bombay. In addition, on the recommendation of the 9th Finance Commission a one-time grant of Rs. 50 crores on matching basis has been sanctioned to Govt. of Maharashtra for slum clearance, environmental improvement of slums & provision of basic amenities in slums in Bombay.

[*English*]

**Foreign Investment Promotion Board**

5524. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have constituted the Foreign Investment Promotion Board to promote investment by multina-

tional and trans-national firms for setting up of industries in the country;

(b) whether the Government of Karnataka have sent any proposal during 1991-92 offering facilities for receiving such foreign investments in Bangalore city, which has excellent potential for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) Yes, Sir. The foreign Investment Promotion Board has been constituted to invite and facilitate investment in India by international companies in projects which are considered to be of benefit to the India economy.

(b) and (c). The Chief Minister of Karnataka has written to the Prime Minister that, while considering proposals of international firms for investment in the country, the locational advantages of Karnataka be kept in view and the Foreign Investment Promotion Board should be advised accordingly.

**Modalities for Compensation Disbursement to Bhopal Gas Victims**

5525. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Union Finance Minister to lay down the directives on modalities for compensation disbursement to Bhopal Gas Victims.

(b) if so, whether the guidelines have since been laid down and the committee submitted its report;

(c) whether a survey of three locolities showed a large majority of the gas exposed population had not been covered by the surveys and Claims registration procedures initiated by the Government;

(d) whether the studies conducted by the Indian Council for Medical Research had also documented the gas related ailments of children and the Directorate of Gleams, Madhya Pradesh had refused to register their claims for personal demagoes denying the compensation to over 1,00,000 postdisaster gas affected children; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No survey has been ordered by the Central Government.

(d) and (e) All persons affected by the Gas leak are eligible to file claims for compensation which will be awarded to them after due adjudication. The claims can be filed with the Directorate of Claims, Government of Madhya Pradesh or with the Welfare Commissioner.

**Import of Oil Seeds**

5526. DR. D. VENKATSWARA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to import oil seeds instead of edible oil;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the amount proposed to be spent thereon?